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An Abusers Use of Technology to Stalk, Harm and Harass

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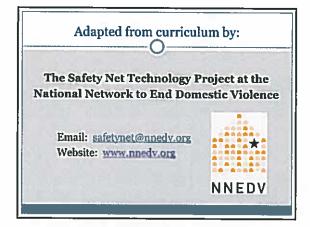
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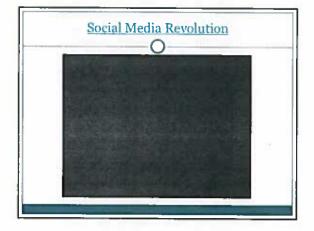
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Technology is not evil!

- The misuse of technology as a tactic is <u>old behavior with new</u> tools.
- Technology provides many benefits to programs and can enhance services.
- Victim of stalking or violence can use technology strategically to enhance and maintain their safety.

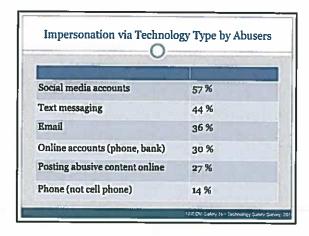


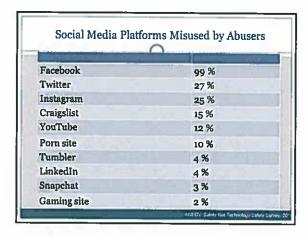
Online abuse can be very public...

- Post humiliating things about a victim, send messages or pictures directly to the victim's friends, families, or employers
- Threaten to share personal information, such as nude images (real or photo-shopped), sexual orientation, or HIV-status

TERRIFY, HUMILIATE, SHAME, THREATEN = SILENCE

Text messaging	96%
Social media accounts	86 %
Email	78 %
Phone (not cell phone)	59 %
Posting abusive content online	55 %
Cell phone features (not apps)	37 %
Tablets	37 %
Apps on cell phones	34 %
Online accounts (phone, bank)	26 %
GPS tracking	14 %





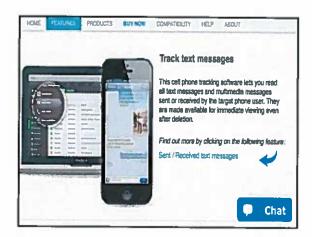
Cell phones	89 %
Social networks	63 %
Laptops	38 %
GPS tracking devices	23 %
Toys with hidden "spying" technology	11 %
Handheld games	7%
Game consoles	5 %

How is this happening?

High Tech Stalking



















Safety Planning for Computer Monitoring Try to use a "safer" computer Run computer program to detect spy ware (i.e. SpyBot). Strategize if spy ware is detected - involve police, don't want to alert abuser. Create new account on "safer" computer and only access that account from that computer.





- Bluetooth is a method of connecting devices so that they can communicate with each other wirelessly and, often, automatically.
- When two Bluetooth enabled devices are paired, information travels along a radio wave to transfer data.
- · Bluejacking











Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009

- Signed into law Dec. 22, 2010, prohibits caller ID spoofing for the purposes of defrauding or otherwise causing harm. In June 2010, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted rules implementing the Truth in Caller ID Act.
- The FCC's rules:
- Prohibit any person or entity from transmitting misleading or inaccurate caller ID information with the intent to defraud, cause harm, or wrongfully obtain anything of value.

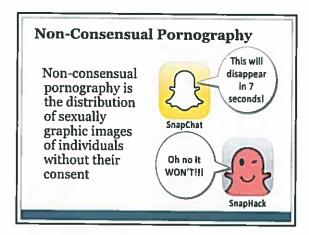
Safety Planning with Cell Phones Encourage survivors to become familiar with all features of phone. Look into account/plan for phone and the services that are included and enabled. Be careful of "gifts" - consider getting a new phone. Set Bluetooth to "hidden" and GPS to "911 only".





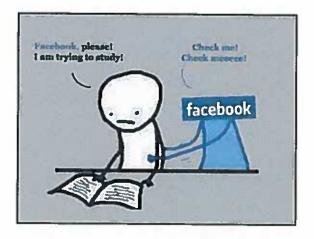






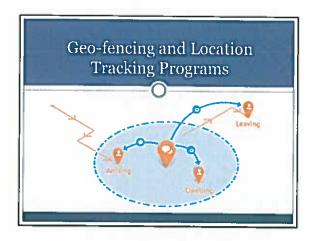


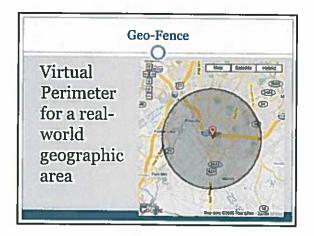
Prevalence of "Revenge Porn" 13% of adults have had their personal content leaked online without their permission. 1 in 10 ex-partners have threatened to distribute intimate images of a former partner online. Those who threatened to distribute intimate images carried out the threat 60% of the time. McAfec's 2013 Love, Relationships, and Technology Report, available at



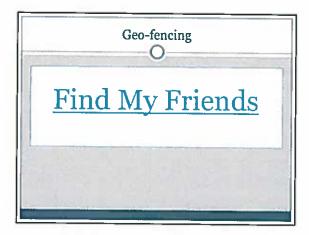


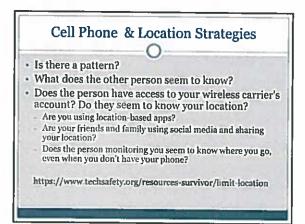






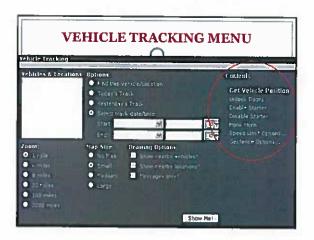






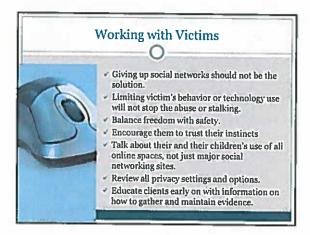




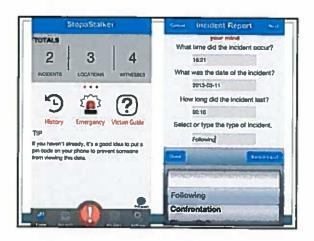


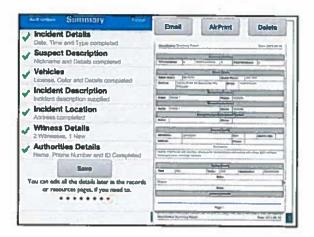


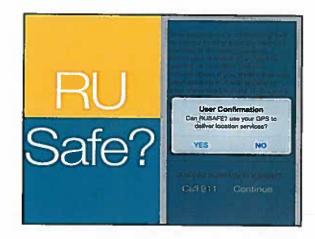


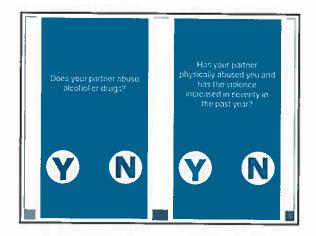




























The solution to stopping abuse is to hold the abuser accountable. Many abusers believe that they can get away with these behaviors because it can't be proven that it is them or there are no laws against what they are doing.

Unfortunately, there is truth to this misunderstanding.

Resources National Network to End Domestic Violence - www.nnedv.org NNEDV Safety Net Project - www.nnedv.org/projects/safetynet.html National Stalking Resource Center - www.ncvc.org/src That's Not Cool - www.thatsnotcool.org

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